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The Wanderer has been available through the internet since 1995 and over the years we have tried to continually enhance our offering to address the ever changing needs of our readers. With that in mind we now offer a mobile compatible quick loading version of *The Wanderer*, which is available at mobile.wanderer.com. This mobile edition complements the already existing PDF version as well as a completely searchable news section that dates back to November of 2006. Our site also offers RSS (Really Simple Syndication) feeds that link direct to your email to keep you up with what is going on in the tritown as soon as it happens.

If you haven't had a chance to visit our website recently, you should stop by soon. In addition to having the printed version of *The Wanderer* on our website and a portal for placing your own advertisements, we also have many special sections including:

- Photo gallery
- Real estate transactions
- Business directory
- Videos of many of the events we cover.
- Upcoming events calendar
- Milestones

Each of these sections dates back many years and



Above: Marion Natural History Museum's after-school program explores "Rockets", with Debra Hill. Program partially funded by the Marion Arts Lottery Council. Picture by Elizabeth Leidhold

can be searched by keywords as well.

One statistic that surprised us and may interest you, www.wanderer.com now attracts over 1.3 million hits per month!

Thoroughly Modern Millie From Broadway to ORR

By Adam Silva

Come watch as Chelsie Nectow transforms small-town Kansas-girl Millie into a big-city star in "Thoroughly Modern Millie" at Old Rochester Regional High School, March 26-29. The show is directed by Paul Sardinha, with costume design by Helen Blake and director of the orchestra is Amanda Fillio.

The story follows Millie Dillmount, who leaves her small town to follow her dreams in The Big Apple in the Roaring



Cover and on the Right:

Members of the cast of "Thoroughly Modern Millie" (left to right): Matt Kaloplastos (playing Trevor), Katy Holden (Dorothy), Chelsie Nectow (Millie), Spencer Johnson (Jimmy), and Jillian Zucco (Muzzy) get ready for the show this weekend at ORR. (Photos by Adam Silva)

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"Millie is hopelessly optimistic and has a tremendous outlook on life," said senior Chelsie Nectow, whose love of her character is clearly present in her smile as she describes every detail of her character. "She moves to New York because she doesn't want the life she is destined for in Kansas. She immediately raises up her skirt and bobs her hair and becomes a "modern." She's becomes very up to date and follows *Vogue*."

I've followed the show since it came onstage in 2002 and I saw it on Broadway when I was twelve. The biggest challenge was keeping the character original to me and not playing it how Sutton Foster [*who originated the role on Broadway*] played it. I just love playing this character and everything that she embodies."

The play is based on the popular 1967 Julie Andrews film and book by Richard Henry Morris. The Tony-Award winning show features music by Jeanine Tesori and lyrics by Dick Scalan. The show features songs such as "Not for the Life of Me," "Only in New York," and "Thoroughly Modern Millie."

"My character, Trevor, is the head of the insurance company that Millie works for and is completely oblivious to Millie's advances," said senior Matthew Kaloplastos with a smile. "He's all about work, money, work, money. He's everything that Millie originally set out to New York to find. Trevor is the total opposite of me and playing him

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has been the most fun out of all the characters I've played in high school.

"I at first had no idea how I was going to get to be able to sing so fast," explained Kaloplastos. "I kept the soundtrack in my car and just sang it over and over until I got it perfect."

Rounding out the rest of the cast is junior Spencer Johnson as Jimmy, junior Koby Williamson as Ching Ho, senior Rob McDavid as Bun Foo, sophomore Jillian Zucco as Muzzy and sophomore Holly Cardoza as Miss Flannery.

"Dorothy comes to New York pretending to be poor, but is secretly rich," said freshman Katy Holden, as she describes her role. "Millie" marks her first time on the ORR stage. "Her family sends her out to New York so that she could fall in love the right way and not for her money. She's very innocent and comes to the city in almost a glass bubble. She's not a snob, just very unaware of the world."

"I love playing the villain of the show," said junior Alyssa Ray with a devious smile on her face. "Miss Meers is a former actress who pretends she's Chinese and runs a white-slavery ring. She makes her money selling white girls to Asia. Although her henchmen are Chinese, she doesn't speak their language, which makes for some of the humor of the show."

"Thoroughly Modern Millie" will be presented at ORR Thursday, March 26, Friday, March 27, and Saturday, March 28 at 7:30 pm and Sunday, March 29 at 2:00 pm.



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Energy Patrol **Saving Energy and Money in Rochester** By Sarah K. Taylor

All eighty third grade students at Rochester Memorial School are participating in a project they've named "Energy Patrol." The purpose of Energy Patrol is to help the town save energy and money, as well as teach the students about responsibility and awareness. This will be Rochester Memorial School's first year making energy conservation a major focus for a grade.

Being a part of the Energy Patrol means making labels for every computer which remind students and staff to shut down the computers each day at 2:50 pm. Labels will also be made for all the light switches, reminding everyone to keep the lights off when a room is not being used.

The third graders also patrol the hallways and check classrooms while wearing their green energy star badges. If an outside door is open, they will shut it. They remind other classes of their project and continue to reiterate its importance. They have been practicing and preparing since their kick off two weeks ago. Monday, March 23, 2009 will be their first time independently patrolling the halls.

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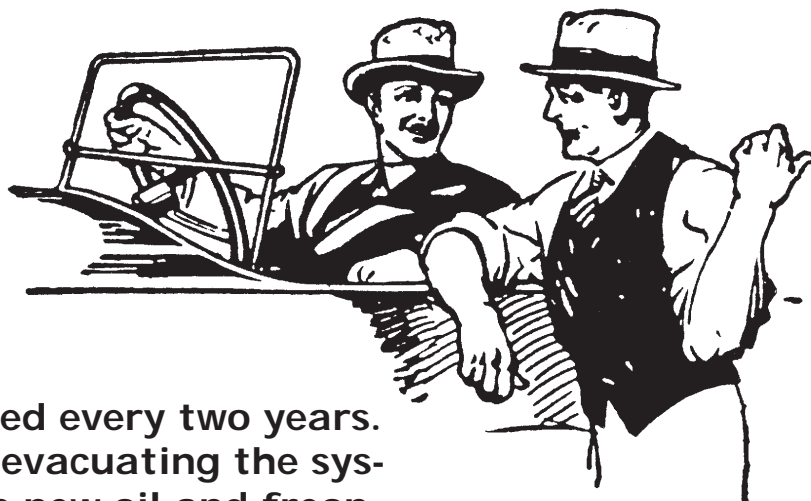
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This project fits nicely into their curriculum under the Old Rochester Regional Strategic plan. While helping to patrol the school, these third graders are also developing social skills and environmental awareness. They have a task, which requires them to work together as a group and brainstorm. They must also show independence as they patrol the halls without a teacher telling them what needs to be done. They take on the responsibility of turning off equipment and overseeing the other classes.

The town has agreed to share its electricity bills with the third graders, and hopefully there will be a difference made in the amount of electricity being used. Each third grader is asked to bring their knowledge on the subject home as well, and individual electric bills will be studied by the class in order to gain a better understanding and note any differences from beginning to end.

The third grade students at Rochester Memorial School hope to inspire other schools to follow their lead. They feel that this is an important and significant way to help the community. Since they are only beginning now, the community does not yet know what type of impact this effort will have, perhaps in a few months the third graders will have an update for us.

Paula Meere began this process when she applied for a learning grant. Ms. Meere said she thought it was important to "conserve energy in our school, town and homes." She also said that the third graders are planning a skit about conserving energy which will be preformed



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ORR Senior High Names New Principal

The Old Rochester Regional School District Superintendent, William Cooper, introduced the new Senior High School Principal to the faculty and staff at a brief meeting at the close of school on Tuesday, March 17th. Mr. Michael Devoll of Fairhaven, MA and the current Assistant Principal at Old Rochester Regional High School has accepted an appointment to become the new Principal on July 1, 2009. Mr. Devoll will take over the school leadership post following the term of the current interim principal, John Amaral of Rochester, MA. Mr. Amaral, the retired Wareham High School Principal has served in the Old Rochester Regional post since early October following the resignation of Sheila Haskins early in the 2008-

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Mr. Devoll is a 2000 graduate of Providence College, and he holds a Masters Degree in Administration from Bridgewater State College. Mr. Devoll was a most successful history teacher and soccer coach at Old Rochester before beginning his administrative duties in the Fall of 2008. His teaching resume includes 6 years at Old Rochester Regional High School as well as 2 years at Canton High School.

Mr. Devoll's appointment follows a search that produced 22 applicants; 6 semifinalists who were interviewed by a 10 person search committee (4 faculty, 4 parents, 1 SC representative, 1 HS student) headed by the district Superintendent. Three finalists completed day-long visits to the school that included sessions with staff, parents, students and the search committee.

Fishermen's Monument

Whaling Museum to Host Reveal Party

By Robert Chiarito

New Bedford owes much of its life to the sea. As the busiest commercial fishing port in the country New Bedford has been sending men out to harvest the bounties of the ocean for the past several several hundred years. In the best of times ships will arrive in port, bursting at the seams, ready to fill the country's markets with fresh scallops, codfish and lobsters. Then there are the times that no one wishes to think about, times when the sea takes and

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A local group, the Fishermen's Tribute Fund of New Bedford, has been raising money for the past several years in an effort to erect a memorial monument, dedicated to all of the many local fishermen who have lost their lives at sea.

In 2005 the city of New Bedford granted the group permission to erect a monument, "to honor the heritage and legacy of generations of fishermen past, present and future". The group was also given a parcel of land on the grounds of the Ft. Tabor Park, overlooking both the Achusnet River and Buzzard's Bay, as a place for the group to build the memorial. The plot of land is the southern most tip of the city. The group imagines fishermen being able to look out at the monument as they set sail and later return home from their voyages. The monument and the surrounding area are also being looked at as a place where the families of those who have lost loved ones at sea can come to feel closer to those did not return home.

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submissions during the past year, the Fishermen's Tribute Fund will unveil the winning design at their Big Reveal party to be held on April 17 at the New Bedford Whaling Museum at 6:00 p.m. There is a \$35.00 charge to enter the event that will include hors d'oeuvres and a wine tasting before the moment of the unveiling. All of the design finalists will be on hand for the event and patrons will be able to look over the competing designs one last time before the winner is announced. Proceeds from the event will further the groups fundraising efforts which have included an annual 5k road race over the last three years.

If you would like to get tickets or gather further information about the event you may contact the fund at 508-994-7300. You can also visit the group's website at fishermensmonument.org. The New Bedford Whaling Museum is located in the heart of historic downtown New Bedford at 18 Johnny Cake Hill. The museum is the largest in the United States dedicated to the whaling industry and features many exhibits dedicated to area's rich seafaring history. The museum is open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and on Sundays from noon until 4:00 p.m.

Nonresident Students

Rochester Attendance Policy Meeting

By Ricky A. Pursley

A meeting of Rochester public officials was held on March 24, 2009 at the Rochester Police Department

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headquarters at 1:30 pm to address recent reports that three students who are not Rochester residents have been attending Rochester Memorial School for the past two years. The meeting, which was not open to the public or the press, included Rochester Police Chief Paul H. Magee, Chairman of the Rochester Board of Selectmen Richard Nunes, Rochester Town Counsel Blair S. Bailey, ORR Superintendent William R. Cooper, Chairman of the Rochester School Committee Sharon Hartley, and Rochester Town Administrator Richard LaCamera. The meeting was convened at the request of the Rochester Board of Selectmen.

When asked about the meeting Mr. LaCamera stated, "It is a private meeting, and is informational. It is

an update on the case and a review of the law."

The meeting was prompted by an email from Mr. Nunes to Mrs. Hartley on March 10, 2009, a copy of which was obtained by *The Wanderer*. The email read, in part: "It has come to the Board of Selectmen's (hereinafter "BOS") attention that 2 years ago Dr. Cooper, the District School Superintendent, retained Rochester Police Officer Bill Chamberlain to conduct an independent investigation on behalf of the School District. The purpose of the independent investigation was to determine whether 3 children who were attending Rochester Memorial School ("RMS") actually resided in New Bedford. At the conclusion of the independent investigation Officer Chamberlain determined that the 3 children were in fact residents of

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New Bedford. Officer Chamberlain apprised Dr. Cooper of his findings. It is our understanding that in addition to his report Officer Chamberlain provided photographic evidence to Dr. Cooper which supported Officer Chamberlain's findings. However, Dr. Cooper has [not taken] action with respect to these 3 children who are currently attending RMS while they are residents of New Bedford. Furthermore, it is our understanding that Dr. Cooper [did not inform] the RMS School Committee of Officer Chamberlain's findings although you were notified of such by the Town Administrator. While the BOS does not enjoy raising this issue, we feel it is our responsibility to do so because of the financial consequences to our taxpayers of allowing non resident students to attend RMS. At an average annual cost of \$10,000 per student, to date [this situation] has cost the Town approximately \$60,000. Furthermore, in light of [the lack of] enforcement in this instance we are concerned that there [are] other similarly situated students enjoying the benefits of our school system. In conclusion, the BOS recommends that the District and the School Committee enforce the School's residency requirements. The BOS further recommends that the District and the School Committee conduct an independent audit to determine if any other non resident students are attending RMS."

Dr. Cooper and Mrs. Hartley emerged from the interior of the police station together at 2:42 pm, and Dr. Cooper told the press that he and Mrs. Hartley had

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"just been providing Town leaders with information and advice," and that they would have no further comment. Moments later, Mr. Bailey emerged, and likewise had no comment for the press. When Mr. LaCamera emerged from the interior of the police station, he would only say that the matter is "up to the Superintendent and the School Committee," but that he expected action in the matter would occur "soon, but I have no specific date."

Mr. Nunes emerged from the interior of the police station at 2:50 pm and was available to the press for questions regarding the meeting. "We had the meeting to discuss the students who don't reside in Rochester and at some point I believe that Dr. Cooper will address the situation. I mentioned that the school needs a writ-



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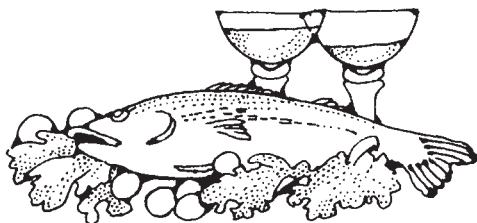


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ten residency requirement. The other two communities [Marion and Mattapoisett] don't have written residency requirements as well. I expressed my concern that there are other students who don't live in Town. I urged them [Dr. Cooper and Mrs. Hartley] to examine residency in the coming year. I think that RMS needs to re-verify attendees, but I don't think that the School Committee will implement that."

Asked if he felt that the meeting was productive, Mr. Nunes said "I think it was productive. This kind of issue shouldn't be unique. How do they say it? When it's a totally unique issue, and you're trying to figure something out? The facts are very straightforward, and yet it took a meeting to hash this all out. The issue of residency shouldn't be a novel issue. It should be contemplated every year. There should be policies in place. It should be available to the public, so they can know what the policy is. There shouldn't be any vagaries in this."

Mr. Nunes said that "one of the things that came out is that there is no designated school attendance officer, which is in the statute. Rochester and the other two communities [Marion and Mattapoisett] don't have one. Neither does ORR. The Superintendent is responsible for seeing that there is an attendance officer." According to Mr. Nunes, "the residency requirements don't seem to be a priority," but he allowed that he thinks that the School Committee "is moving toward making it a priority. I think it is something that the public, the taxpayers demand. It affects the Town's budget, and it really affects the credibility of public officials, who are asking the public to fund an addition to RMS."

It became clear to Mr. Nunes during the course of the meeting "that there are a lot of determined people out there who want to circumvent the law" and enroll non-resident students at RMS, and that "it's not an accident



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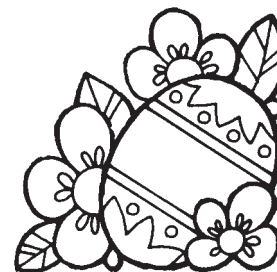
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that they're there at RMS. Someone is actively getting them there." When questioned about any possible political connections between the family of the three students and any Rochester public officials, Mr. Nunes said that he was unaware of any such connections, and doubted that any existed. He said that there was a familial connection between the students and a Town resident, and that he believed that that is how the students came to be enrolled at RMS.

Mr. Nunes said he was surprised that Dr. Cooper, even after receiving Officer Chamberlain's report and evidence, believed the representations made by the adults involved with the children, and that Dr. Cooper apparently dismissed the results of Officer Chamberlain's investigation, and allowed the students to remain enrolled at RMS. "Why have an investigation at all?" Mr. Nunes said. Details of the circumstances and cost of Officer Chamberlain's investigation, which was conducted on his own time and at his own expense, were not made available to the press, nor were the authority or source of funds utilized by Dr. Cooper to hire Officer Chamberlain to conduct the investigation. Mr. Nunes noted that a consensus of the meeting participants was that any future such investigations should utilize a licensed private investigator, and not a police officer. Questioned later by members of the press, Chief Magee emphasized that Officer Chamberlain's employment was entirely proper under existing laws and regulations relating to police officers in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and that the Chief had been aware of Officer Chamberlain's employment for the investigation, as required. "I have very limited authority over the off-duty employment opportunities pursued by my officers," Chief Magee said, "although they are required to inform me of all such employment, as Officer Chamberlain did in this case." Mr. Nunes was asked by

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members of the press if there had been a second investigation in this case, and he replied "No, there was not."

Asked by members of the press to identify who directs the School Committee in such matters, Mr. Nunes said "I look to the School Committee to be driving the ship. The School Committee is responsible for the school. The Board of Selectmen became involved because we saw no action, no priority. We waited three weeks for this meeting. It's not something the Board of Selectmen wanted to do. But it had to be addressed. At some point, the Board is going to have to give a thumbs-up or thumbs-down on an RMS addition. We are not going to make RMS bigger to enable more out-of-town students to attend RMS. As Selectmen, we have a fiduciary duty to the residents of the Town, and we have to protect the Town's interests."

Mr. Nunes was asked by a member of the press if Rochester has a recall process for elected officials, and if recall is an option for voters in this case. "Rochester does have a recall procedure that is approximately 10 years old. I don't think that this rises to the level of a recall, but you



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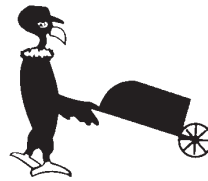
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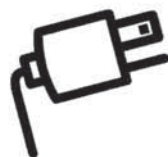
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have an election coming up in about a month. I think candidates for School Committee office will be asked about this case and how they would handle it if elected."

According to Mr. Nunes, "the Superintendent has the ball now, and updates will have to come from him. The Board will raise the issue again if action is not forthcoming. Talk is cheap. Very cheap. We need to see action."

Reached by telephone on the evening of March 24 for comment on the lack of a school attendance officer for ORR, Robert Nectow, Chairman of the ORR School Committee, told *The Wanderer* that the responsibilities of an attendance officer "are not a stand-alone position at ORR. Those responsibilities would fall among the ORR administrative staff. That said, the Committee takes residency requirements very seriously and we expect those requirements to be enforced." Due to press deadlines, *The Wanderer* was unable to contact the chairmen of either the Marion or Mattapoisett school committees regarding attendance officers in those towns.

Mr. Nunes recounted for *The Wanderer* very precise, emphatic statements made by Town Counsel Bailey at the meeting that the governing state statute requires that schools name an individual to the position of attendance officer, and that such responsibilities are specifically not to be merely distributed without accountability among a school's administrative staff. Efforts by *The Wanderer* to contact Mr. Bailey by telephone at press deadline



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Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

March 23, 2009

By Sarah K. Taylor

A Meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday March 23, 2009 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Richard Nunes. Also present were Selectman Bradford N. Morse and Town Administrator Richard LaCamera. Selectman Dan A. McGaffey was not at the meeting.

The Board approved Town Counsel Blair Bailey's Contract.

Chuck Kantner, the Vice President of Rochester Road Race, Inc., spoke to the Board about the Rochester Road Race. This will be their fourth annual race with 357 registrants, which is a 36% increase since 2007. Mr. Kantner said that the race raises food and money for the local food bank. Last year the Rochester Road Race collected 250 lbs of food. The proposed track will start on Mary's Pond Road to Walnut Plain Road and make a circle, which will take approximately an hour to complete. The Board approved their proposal.

Mr. LaCamera reminded the Board that he has been attending regional meetings. He also discussed the Governor's announcement about school funding. The general education funding and the special education funding have determined the amounts to be given.

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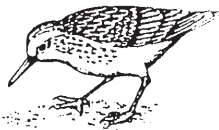
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Dave Watling, vice president of Alewives Anonymous, Inc, spoke to the Board about his concerns regarding the river herring in Hathaway's Pond dam. The dam is currently privately owned, but the Buzzards Bay Coalition is interested in the property. The state of Massachusetts is requiring the dam to be fixed, and the issue is that in order to fix it, it must be drained. The town is hesitant to participate in this issue.

Some of the night's correspondence was that Comcast informed the town that their bundle package rates have recently decreased. Also, the State of Local Partnership meeting will be held on April 14, 2009. This is a quarterly meeting and Mr. LaCamera said he plans to attend.

The Rochester Land Trust will be having a potluck supper on Wednesday March 25, 2009 at 6:30 pm. There will be featured speakers and a tribute to some Rochester residents.

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Chairman Nunes addressed a recent issue of non-resident children attending the Rochester Memorial School. He wanted to clarify that while the Board of Selectmen will be glad to take calls regarding the issue, it is really a matter for the School Committee members. Chairman Nunes said "We're concerned about budgetary implications for the school and district." He said that he's already voiced these concerns with the chairperson of the Rochester Memorial School committee. Chairman Nunes also discussed the need for written residency requirements, something other schools have, but Rochester does not, as well as the fact that he feels "we can only fund our own children to go to that school."

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The board approved the proposed Articles for the Annual Town Meeting included the acceptance of G.L. Chapter 32B, Section 18, regarding Medicare and Health benefits and Bryant Lane and Cromwell Lane as public ways. The Article to purchase a new fire truck was approved as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

March 24, 2009

By Adam Silva

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order on March 24, 2009 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Jordan Collyer. Also present was Selectman George Randall, Town Clerk Barbara Sullivan and Town Administrator Michael Botelho.

The Selectmen approved the minutes of March 10's meeting. Also approved was the selection of James T. Dildine, of 7 Beachtree Lane, Mattapoisett, as the new Library Trustee.

The resignations of Ken Pacheco, of 2 Chapel Road, Mattapoisett, as a member of the Board of Appeals and as a member of the Town Constable and John DeCosta, of 1 Driscoll Lane, Mattapoisett, as Band Concert Manager, were approved "with regrets" by the Selectmen.

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It must establish a Tree Board or Department run by a professional forester or arborist, an entire forestry department, or a volunteer tree board must be legally responsible for the care and management of the community's trees.

It must pass a Tree Care Ordinance that designates the establishment of a tree board or forestry department and give this body the responsibility for writing and implementing an annual community forestry work plan.

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It must establish a community forestry program with an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita with evidence that the community has established a community forestry program that is supported by that annual budget.

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Head of the Town Highway Department Barry Denham brought before the Board two proposals for review. After a long discussion, Selectman Collyer said "They (The Highway Department) came back and said that the town would have to vote to adopt Chapter 40, Section C. There was some confusion as to whether or not the road issue can actually be handled by the Selectmen as a voted policy."

Section 6C deals with appropriating money for the removal of snow and ice from private ways within its limits and open to the public use as may be designated by the Selectmen as long as the removal of snow and ice from such a way shall not constitute a repair of a way.

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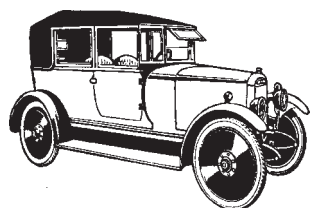
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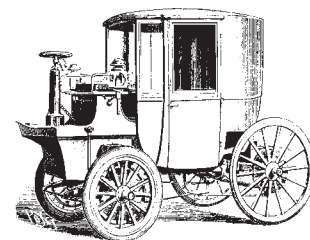
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find a way to deal with the temporary repairs without a vote and they will try to enact that policy. He also stated that Barry's (Denham) immediate concern is temporary repairs and they are going to try to work to an immediate resolution. The matter was not resolved and will most likely be brought up again at a later meeting.

Town Moderator John A. Eklund, of 8 Winnatuxett Beach Road, Mattapoisett, presented before the Board several suggestions for future Town Meetings, such as presenting and posting the warrant for the meeting more than the required two weeks ahead of time and having almost a "mock meeting" with heads of departments to discuss what will be presented.

Selectman Collyer and Eklund discussed the possibility of changing the date of the meetings from a week-day night to a Saturday and having a specific end-time for the meetings, although nothing was officially declared.

In other news, Blanche Perry of Mattapoisett has been elected to continue her position as the Mattapoisett Representative to the Old Colony School Board. The Massachusetts Highway Department will begin its spring state highway sweeping operations, weather permitting, on or about March 30, 2009.

The bay scallop season has been extended to April 15 from the original end date of April 1. There is a possibility of extending the season from April 16 to April 30. The commercial harvestable limit of five bushels per permit holder has been raised to ten, effective April 1.



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The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm. The next Mattapoissett Board of Selectmen's Meeting will take place on April 14 at 7:00 pm at the Mattapoissett Town Hall.

School Report

ORR Making it's Contribution

By Olivia Mello

Each year, the Old Rochester Regional High School organizes a blood drive with the American Red Cross team. This year the drive was held on March 11th in the school's gymnasium. By this day there were one hundred and thirty students and faculty members signed up to donate, in addition to about ten eager adults from outside of the school. Unfortunately, the Red Cross team

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was a bit short on staff which caused them to lose two beds where blood could be taken. By running a bit into overtime, the school was still able to make a big contribution. More than 100 of the volunteers who signed up were able to give blood. Results of how much that equals out to are still pending.

A large number of members from the National Honor Society, both those who were able to give and those who were not, volunteered their time by running the front desk, standing with the donors at their beds and sitting with donors at the recovery table.

The Red Cross' Blood Services is one of the five key service areas that help people prevent and respond to both emergencies and disasters, therefore donating is a big deal and is highly appreciated. A blood transfusion is needed every two seconds in the United States so the demand for donations is never ending. Each individual was asked to wear a sticker that stated the difference they had made with their willingness to donate blood. Despite the shortage of staff and the few who had felt queasy during the process, the day concluded on a very good note. Everyone involved expressed his or her enthusiasm from the morning to the afternoon. Even the teachers who had a deficiency of students present in their classes showed their acceptance and support for the great cause.

The Old Rochester Regional High School's National Honor Society has been competing for the past several months in the annual "Honor Bowl," in which members of the society from surrounding schools meet to compete in a trivia based competition. So far, ORR has done a very successful job. Their last meet was held at Dighton Rehoboth High School where they versed DR and Bourne High School. ORR beat Bourne with a score of 205 to 135 win. ORR then advanced on to beat DR with a 270 to 240 victory.

Their last meet will be on April 1st at Greater New Bedford Voke where they will go up against both Voke and Case. This will be ORR's last round of the "Honor Bowl." If they come out on top here, their season will conclude with only one loss.

The freshmen class at ORR would like to invite everyone to eat at the Nick's Pizza restaurant in Matta-



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A big congratulations is given to Mr. Michael Devoll, the assistant principal, for his promotion as Old Rochester Regional High School's principal, which will begin in September (of 2009) with the new school year.

Sports Shorts

By Robert Chiarito

Dress rehearsals are in full gear for Old Rochester Regional and Old Colony as opening day draws closer for the spring high school sports calendar. Scrimmages have

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begun for many of the teams as this coming week marks the beginning of the season for most spring sports.

In a rare meeting of Tri-Town teams the Old Colony and Old Rochester Girls Softball teams were set to meet in a practice game this week on Wednesday, March 25. The schools, which play in separate conferences and are also in different divisions of the state's MIAA, are rarely matched against one another during the regular season in spite of the fact that both schools play their home softball games in the town of Rochester. After their meeting with the Bulldogs Old Colony will play one more tune-up game at Bishop Connolly High School on Friday, March 27 before they open their season at home against Chatham High School on Tuesday March 31. The Old Rochester Lady Bulldogs Softball team will begin the 2009 season on the road with a game versus Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7.

The Defending five time South Coast Conference Champion Lady Bulldogs Tennis team will see their first action of the 2009 regular season at ORR on March 31 at 3:30 p.m. when they square off against Seekonk. On that same day the Old Rochester Boys Tennis team will open their season at Seekonk as they will be seeking their fourth consecutive South Coast Conference crown.

This coming week will see the **Old Colony Boys Baseball team** in action for the first time in the 2009 season as they will open the baseball season with a pair of home games. On Wednesday, April 1 the Cougars will

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take on Upper Cape Cod Regional Tech and will follow that game on Friday, April 3 with a game versus Avon High School. Both games are set to begin at 3:30 p.m.

The Old Rochester Regional Boys Baseball team starts the 2009 season with a road game at Bishop Stang High School in Dartmouth at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 4. The Bulldogs have been honing their skills this past week with a series of scrimmage games against the Dartmouth High School Indians. ORR will have their home opener on Tuesday, April 7 when they face Dighton-Rehoboth Regional at 3:30 p.m.

In Track and Field **the Lady Bulldogs Track team** will be one of the heavy favorites in the South Coast Conference as they lost only once last season after posting an undefeated season in 2007. The 2008/09 Winter Girls Track Team just completed a perfect 9-0 season in winning the SCC crown and hopes are high in Bulldog country that the outdoor season will hold much of the same success. The Lady Bulldogs will open their 2009 season with a home meet versus Case High School on Monday, April 6 at 3:30 p.m. That same afternoon **the Old Rochester Boys Track team** will travel to Case High School to open the season. That meet is also schedule to begin at 3:30 p.m.

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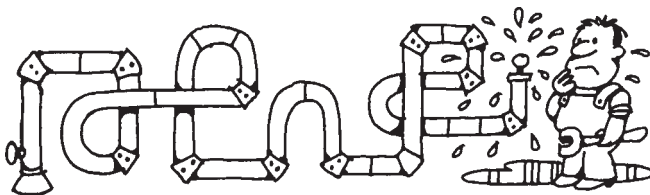
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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

On Tuesday evening, March 31, an informational meeting about a proposed Comprehensive Wetlands Protection By-Law for Mattapoisett will be held at Center School starting at 6:30 pm.

This by-law has been petitioned for inclusion in the May Annual Town Meeting Warrant. It will be the only opportunity, prior to the town meeting, for residents to hear about the proposal, drafted by the Coalition for Buzzard's Bay and patterned after a model by-law pre-



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Opponents, as well as supporters, are welcome to attend, particularly those voters, including three members of the Finance Committee, who voted against Article 26 at last year's town meeting.

That article advised (but did not require) the Conservation Committee to bring forth a Comprehensive Wetlands Protection By-Law at the 2009 Annual Town Meeting. Although the motioned passed 72-18, the Commission, as of this writing, has declined to accept the invitation.

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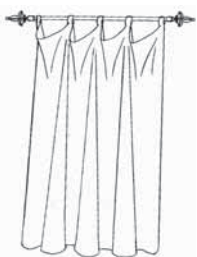
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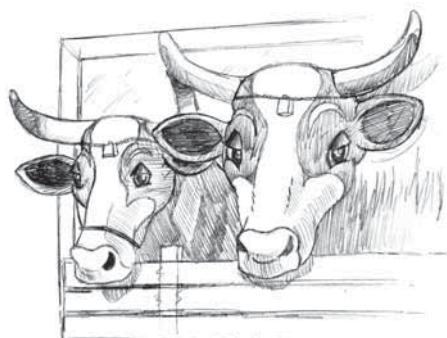
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For the following scholarship, applications can be downloaded from the CFSEMA website, cfsema.org, or a paper copy can be obtained from the school guidance office. Scholarship applications must be postmarked by or delivered to the CFSEMA office, 63 Union St., New Bedford, on the dates specified below:

The George Earl and Katherine Hartley Church Scholarship Fund provides several scholarships of at least \$1,000 annually for tuition assistance to students pursuing an LPN, RN or BSN Nursing Degree while attending a two- or four-year accredited college or university. Applicants must be residents of Acushnet, Rochester, Marion or Mattapoisett who are graduating from either Fairhaven, New Bedford, Bishop Stang, Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical or Old Rochester Regional high schools or a graduating senior from Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School. The criterion for selection will be weighted 75% on financial need and 25% on academics. The application deadline is Friday, April 10.

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Project GROW Applications

Applications have been sent to children age-eligible for fall enrollment in Old Rochester's public school integrated preschool program, Project GROW. The mailing was based on the town census and the Early Childhood Office's database. If your child will be three years old by August 31, 2009 and is not age-eligible for kindergarten, you should have received an application. If you are interested in applying and did not receive an application, please contact the Early Childhood Office at (508) 748-1863 or e-mail jtaylor2@orr.mec.edu. Be sure to include your mailing address.

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Applications and information about the scholarship can be obtained through the high school guidance department, by calling (508) 252-3975 or at scchorale.com.

Fairhaven Freemasons Open House

The George Taber Masonic Lodge, located on the corners of Center and Main Street in Fairhaven, will be holding an open house sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Masons of Massachusetts, also known as Square and Compass Day, on Saturday, March 28 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at our building. Our goal is to inform the public about Freemasons and what we do and hope to accomplish.

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participating in the national competition, the *48-Hour Film Project*. Past entries by the local performing arts school can be accessed on YouTube, with the titles of the past two projects being "Shoe", "Farm Force", and "de Zomer Kamp."

As part of a national competition, *The 48 Hour Film Project* is destined to be an exciting adventure. The talented director, along with his cast, will create, produce and edit a short film or video in just 48 hours. The project is a thrilling challenge for all level actors, (of all ages) as they must be ready for anything during the two-day production process.

The Harvard-educated director and filmmaker was a comedy writer for The Harvard Lampoon as well as an arts reporter for The Harvard Crimson. Upon graduation, he moved to Los Angeles where he studied improvisational acting at the famed Groundlings Theater with the likes of Lisa Kudrow and Patrick Bristow.

Mr. Osborne has since directed numerous independent films, and has written films for theatrical distribution and for video/DVD release as well. Most recently, he has been a featured writer and director for several original productions, has developed an MTV project and has collaborated on independent feature films and theatrical pieces.

Mr. Osborne is also a writing, acting and film-making teacher with past and current classes at UMass, Tufts University Experimental College, Quincy College,

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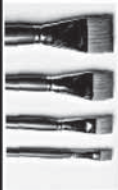
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The Cambridge Center for Adult Education, Brookline Adult & Community Education, Boston Casting, and The Burt Wood School of Performing Arts. In 2008, Osborne won a daytime Emmy for his work as a writer on the hit show *Cash Cab*.

The 48 Hour Film Project will take place over the weekend of May 2 and 3, with each team being given a "theme" via an object that must appear in all scenes of the movie. Over the following 48 hours, the teams must not only come up with a plot and script, but also must film all of the scenes, produce and edit the film, with the final product being submitted by Sunday, May 3.

Filmmakers from all over New England will participate in the Boston-based division of the competition, with winners from the project then going on to compete against entries from all around the world for the title "Best 48 Hour Film Project of 2009." Screenings for all films will be premiered at the Kendall Square Cinema in Cambridge, located on 370 Binney Street, later in May.

For Burt Wood students, cost to participate in the weekend event is \$35 each; for non-Burt Wood students, cost will be \$50 each. Filming for the event will be held in Middleboro only. More information about the project itself can be found on 48hourfilm.com. To participate, call the office at (508) 946-1071 or download a registration form at burtwoodschooll.com under Upcoming Events or Film Projects. Deadline for all paperwork is April 30. For more information on Andrew Osborne, visit burtwoodschooll.

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Deaths

Alexander A. "Sexy Lexy" Pina, 70, of Marion, died March 17, 2009 at home. He was the widower of the late Delores Ann (Santos) Pina and the son of the late Joseph and Mary C. (Gomes) Pina. He was born in New Bedford and lived in Marion for most of his life.

Mr. Pina worked as a Custodian Supervisor for the Old Rochester Regional Junior High School for many years before retiring. He was a communicant of St. Rita's Church.

Survivors include 2 daughters, Susan Hardy and her husband Jerome of New Bedford and Zandra Pina of Silver Spring, MD; 4 sisters, Alice Glaspie, Juanita London and Editha Barnes all of New Bedford and Rosalie Brewster of CO; 5 grandchildren; a great granddaughter. He was the brother of the late Frank, Louis, Joseph, Albion and Manny Pina and Dominga Grace & Beatrice Hemsley.

Arrangements by the Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, 2599 Cranberry Hwy., Wareham.

Mary S. (Vaughan) Wilson, 95, of Mattapoisett died March 20, 2009 at Our Lady's Haven after a long illness. She was the wife of the late James Moores and Afton Wilson.



Born in Mattapoisett, the daughter of the late Arthur and Alice (Davenport) Vaughan, she lived in New Bedford before returning to Mattapoisett in 1963. Mrs. Wilson was a member of the First Baptist Church in New Bedford. She enjoyed knitting afghans.

Survivors include her daughter, Winifred Moores of Mattapoisett; a brother, Allen Vaughan of Dartmouth; many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home For Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6) Mattapoisett. For guestbook, please visit www.saunderisdwyer.com.

Rosanne T. (Kirkell) Shay of Marion, formerly of Whitman, died Friday March 20th peacefully at home surrounded by her family, after a lengthy illness. She was the beloved wife of 41 years to Dennis Shay. Rosanne was born in West Bridgewater, daughter of Grace (Jackson) Kirkell and the late Charles Kirkell. She was brought up in Whitman by her father, the late Charles Kirkell and his wife Betty Kirkell. She was a graduate of Whitman high School class of 1958.

Her and her husband moved to California, where they managed a Mobile Home Park for 18 years, before moving back to Marion.

Rosanne taught One Stroke Painting, enjoyed crafts, gardening, reading and she loved being with her family.

In addition to her loving husband of 41 years, she is survived by her five children, Robert Folsom and his wife Carol of Bridgewater, Lori Lynch and her husband Michael of NH., Vicki Sullivan and her husband John of Whitman, Mark Shay of Plymouth and Denise Briggs and her husband Kevin of Marion, her sisters Kathy Porter of Hanover, Laurie Chaves of RI and Susan O'Reilly of Weymouth; also 12 grandchildren and 1 great grand child. She was also the sister of the late Joanne Roundtree.

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Jean Konnerth, wife of Andrew Konnerth, died March 17, 2009 at St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford at the age of 86. Born in Dansville Illinois, Jean was the daughter of the late Karl and Elsie (Braunschott) Konnerth.

She received her BFA at Carnegie Institute of Technology in 1946. Jean and her husband moved to Mattapoisett in 1998 where she was a self employed artist in jewelry and later on in print making. From 1998-2007 she and her husband was the designer for many whale sculptures in many museums around the country. She also was the conferee of the world craft counsel in Kyoto, Japan.

Jean was the mother of Karen M. Konnerth of New Orleans, Lynn A. Konnerth of Fairfax, VA and Andrew Konnerth III of No. Smithfield RI. Grandmother of Michael Konnerth of No. Smithfield, RI, Flora Shepherd of Pittsburg, PA, Kyle Shepherd of New Orleans, Dora and Ellen Maxwell both of Fairfax, VA. Sister of Karl Konnerth of Putnam Valley, NY.

Services and burial will be private at the convenience of the family. Donations on Jean's memory may be made to the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, P.O. Box 475, Mattapoisett, Ma, 02739. Arrangements by the O'Keefe-Wade Funeral Home in Taunton. For guestbook visit our website www.okeefewade.com.

Isabel Louisa (Gibbs) Elwin, of Duxbury, formerly of Marion, died peacefully, Sunday, March 15, 2009, at Bay Path Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility, Duxbury. She was 93 years old.

"Izzy" was the loving mother of Mary L. Tomlinson of Marion and proud grandmother of Joseph Tomlinson of Park City, UT, James A. Tomlinson of Wellesley and Elizabeth Nemickas of Lake Forest, IL.


Her 13 great-grandchildren affectionately called her G.G., and gave her much to brag about. She is also survived by her niece, Patricia Brodie and her nephew, Robert Gibbs both of Toronto, Ontario.

Isabel was born in Port Arthur, Ontario, Canada (now called Thunder Bay). She was predeceased by her parents, Frederick Cranford Gibbs and Mary Helena Keighley and her brother, Cranford Keighley Gibbs.

Her career as executive secretary at North American Life Assurance Company in Port Arthur and Toronto, Ontario, spanned 25 years. She retired in 1976. In 1979, she moved to Marion, Massachusetts to join her family where she resided until 1997, when she moved to the Village at Duxbury.

While residing in Marion, she was an active member of St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church where she was involved in the Altar Guild and the Women of St. Gabriel's, serving as treasurer for many years. She also loved to play bridge and was a member of the Duplicate Bridge Club at the Sippican Tennis Club. Izzy's real passion was her family and friends.

A memorial service to celebrate Isabel's life will be held at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, 124 Front St., Marion, at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 11, 2009, her birthday. Donations may be made in her memory to St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, Altar Guild, P.O. Box 545, Marion, MA 02738. Arrangements are by the Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, 2599 Cranberry Hwy., Wareham.



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The final event is the First Annual South Coast Pathways Challenge- a Bike-Hike Pledge Event. The Friends groups in Mattapoissett, Fairhaven, Marion and Wareham have joined together to help raise money for all the towns' pathways. You can ride or walk for the path-way in your town. In Mattapoissett, money raised will go to pay for design of the next section. In coming years, the Challenge will raise money to maintain the path and for local charities. Registration for the ride is \$20, paid at the starting point. Helmets and a liability waiver are required. See our website www.mattapoissettrailtrail.com for details. Registration for the walk is \$5. For people who raise pledge money, the Top 3 fundraisers over \$100 will receive a \$75 gift certificate to an area bike or sport shop.

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Knowing. Starring Nicolas Cage and Rose Byrne. Directed by Alex Proyas. Running time: 130 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13.

What would you do if you knew the world was going to end soon? Me, I'd probably get royally drunk, give *Raiders of the Lost Ark* one last spin, and try to see how much of *Infinite Jest* I could get through before armageddon arrived. In the solemnly ludicrous *Knowing*, Nicolas Cage drives around frantically, down country roads and through chaotic city streets (nobody tries to carjack him). Cage's almost-love-interest (Rose Byrne) has announced that she's heading for some caves she knows from childhood, to wait out the apocalypse. That's when the movie momentarily becomes brilliant on the same level as *The Wicker Man*, wherein Cage so infamously screamed "*Killing me won't bring back your honey!*" Here, Cage bellows into his cell phone, "THE CAVES WON'T KEEP US SAFE! *NOTHING WILL KEEP US SAFE!*"

I persist in feeling great affection for Nicolas Cage, who can really sell a line like that without any trace of awareness of how goofy he sounds. Many have questioned what happened to the Cage who took risks and won an Oscar. My theory is that, at this point, Cage looks for scripts that pose challenges — like unsayable dialogue or patently stupid situations that would destroy a lesser actor. Cage is having fun, even if the audience isn't. *Knowing* casts him as John Koestler, a professor of astrophysics who engages in the old debate between determinism (things happen for a reason) and randomness (things just happen). Since his wife died, John leans towards randomness, perhaps because he can't bear to conceive of a greater universal reason that he now has to raise his son by himself.

The boy happens across a page of scrawled numbers, buried in a time capsule fifty years ago. The numbers appear to predict every major disaster of the past five decades, and there are still three number sets whose prophecies haven't come true yet. This is an excuse for director Alex Proyas, an old hand at empty visual flash (see *The Crow* and *Dark City*), to haul out a few big kaboom sequences, and they're pretty nifty as far as these things go. There's no poetry



or horror in the carnage, but Proyas does manage to catch a you-are-there vibe without sacrificing the readable mechanics of the destruction.

Unfortunately, the movie gets nutty in its second half (probably the same half that will endear the film to its inevitable cult fans). Mysterious "whispering" men keep turning up, looking like Spike from *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*. John follows the numerical clues all around — what can "EE" written backwards mean? — and the movie begins to seem like a cross between *The Da Vinci Code* and your standard sci-fi apocalypso. Cage gets to scream about the caves, and the narrative collapses into ominous visual effects. *Knowing* tries for profundity, a difficult proposition after it's tickled us with mass death; I felt offended rather than awed or moved. At the end, we all filed out looking depressed. Is this the sort of "escapism" Summit Entertainment wants to offer a fearful and demoralized audience right now?

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12 Rounds (PG13) — 1:15, 3:50, 7:00, 9:35

Fired up (PG13) — 1:50, 9:50

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Duplicity (PG13) — 1:20, 4:10, 7:05, 9:45

Knowing (PG13) — 1:10, 4:25, 6:55, 9:20

Race to Witch Mountain (PG) — 1:40, 4:30, 6:55, 9:05

Last House on the Left (R) — 1:25, 4:00, 7:15, 9:45

Watchmen (R) — 1:00, 4:15, 7:45

The Reader (R) — 4:05, 6:50

Madea Goes to Jail (PG13) — 1:45, 4:15, 7:20, 9:40

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7:00, 9:15; Mon-Thur: 3:50, 6:55

The Class (R) — Sat: 12:25, 3:20, 6:30, 9:05;

Mon-Thur: 3:25, 6:30

Frost/Nixon (R) — Sat: 12:35, 3:30, 6:40, 9:15;

Mon-Thur: 3:30, 6:40

The Reader (R) — Sat: 12:30, 3:35, 6:50, 9:20; Mon-Thur: 3:35, 6:45

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Haunting in Connecticut (PG13) — 1:50, 4:20, 7:20, 9:20

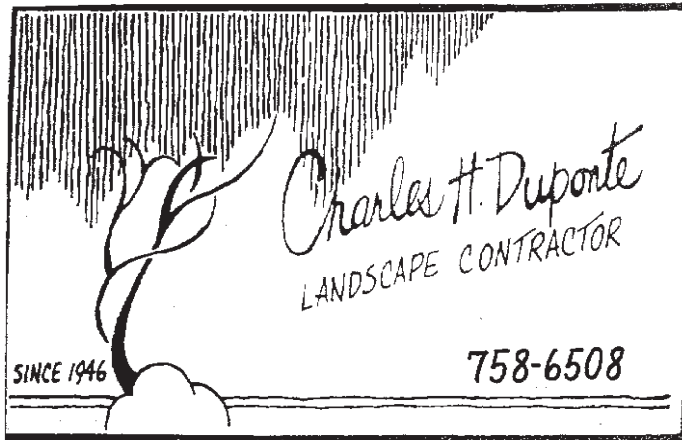
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Duplicity (PG13) — 1:40, 4:10, 6:55, 9:25

I Love You, Man (R) — 1:55, 4:30, 7:25, 9:50

Race to Witch Mountain (PG) — 2:00, 4:00, 6:50, 9:15



your help. Construction of the next section will only happen if we pay for design starting this year and finish it next year. \$1.9 million in federal construction funds is allocated and scheduled for 2011. This money will be lost unless we can pay for the first stage of design in 2009 (\$25,000 Community Preservation Grant vote needed at Town Meeting) and have money available (up to \$65,000 of Town and Friends money) in 2010 to complete design. The Town's bike path design fund (money provided by the state in 1996) is exhausted. As always with this project, Mattapoissett residents will pay less than 10% of the total costs.

The next section of the Mattapoissett Rail Trail, the Shining Tides Mile, will bring the path to the Village. It promises to be the most beautiful mile of the path. It will also be the most expensive, due to the bridges and boardwalk. If we all come together it will be under construction in 2011. More details are available at Mattapoissettrailtrail.com.

Congregational Church Scholarships

The applications for our 2009 scholarships are available at the Guidance Offices at Old Rochester Regional High School, Bishop Stang High School, Old Colony Regional Technical High School or the Church Office. Applicants must be residents of the Tri-Town or members of the Congregational Church. Applicants must be high school seniors graduating in June or previous graduates

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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



The Mattapoissett Museum and Carriage House was the sight of a unique performance, on Sunday, March 22 as Lucy Bly played the part of Annie Leary as Ms. Leary reminisces after the loss of her friend Hetty Green. (Photo by Robert Chiarito)



Musical Director Philip Sanborn and the Tri-County Symphonic Band performed a selection of dance related pieces during their 'Shall We Dance?' concert performed at the Fireman Center on the campus of Tabor Academy on Sunday afternoon, March 22. (Photo by Robert Chiarito)

St. Anthony's CCD Class Donates Blankets to Local Police & Fire Stations

Mrs. Ruby Maestas' 7th grade CCD class from St. Anthony's Church in Mattapoissett was given the challenge to come up with an idea for a community project. Through hard work of students Hannah Vieira, Abigail Adams, Alec McBride, Chris Helmar, McKenzie Snow, Kate McGraw, Michael McGraw, Nancy Pope and Tatum LeClair, they brainstormed and came up with the idea of making and donating fleece blankets for people in need. They had the plan and needed an idea to whom they could donate them. Mrs. Pat Vieira, Hannah's mother, suggested they donate them to the local police and fire stations so that they could be given to people in need. The students felt that if they were ever in a situation needing a fire truck, ambulance or police car, they would want to be warm and feel comforted. The children advised it was a rewarding experience making the blankets, knowing that their hard work was going to someone in their time of need. Acting Mattapoissett Fire Chief Andrew Murray, Rochester Police Chief Paul Magee and Mattapoissett Police Officer Jason King accepted the blankets on behalf of their departments. Many thanks to Ruby Maestas, Pat Vieira and the kids for their hard work.



The U-12 Mariner Girls Soccer Team, pictured here, are the Champions of the U-12 Winter Indoor session at Champions in New Bedford! Back row (left to right): Bailey Truesdale, Emily Beaulieu, Morgan Browning, Kaleigh Goulart, Nicole Gifford, Syd Blanchard. Front row (left to right): Camille Filloramo, Arden Goguen, Kate Martin, and Sam Blanchard (not pictured: Anne Martin and Hannah Abrantes)



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who have applied for or are reentering an accredited post-secondary education program. The criteria for choosing recipients are financial need, scholastic achievement and initiative. The deadline for filling applications is April 17, 2009.

Marion Seniors Meetings

The monthly speaker series continues and April's topic is "Living with Less." Please join us at the Elizabeth Taber Library at 1:00 pm on April 1. The next podiatry clinic will be held at the COA office on April 13. Appointments are necessary.

The following trips have been scheduled for April and May:

- April 24 to the Hyannis Mall and Trader Joe's.
- May 15 to the Heritage Museum in Sandwich.

Space is limited so please call to reserve your spot.

On May 5 from 1:00 to 2:00 pm, the Mattapoissett COA is offering the following workshop: Communication and Swallowing Problems in the Aging population. All are welcome to attend.

Marion VFW Take Out

Benjamin D. Cushing Post 2425 Veterans of Foreign Wars, Marion announces a Texas-Style "Take Out Only" Chicken Barbeque on Sunday, April 5 at the VFW Pavilion, Route 6 in Marion. The pick up will take place between 12:00 and 1:00 pm.

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Log highlights March 15-21

- Rte 195 west – Motor vehicle stop
- Ridgewood Ln – General service
- Holly Rd – Animal complaint
- North Ave – Assist municipal agency
- Front St – Burglar alarm
- Water St – Medical emergency
- Aucoot Ave – Parking violation
- Green Sat – Fire alarm
- Converse Rd – Motor vehicle stop
- County Rd – Burglar alarm
- Front St – DMV
- Briggs Terr – B & E/past
- Mill St – Death
- Doran Way – General service
- Doran Way – Transport
- Bayberry Ln – Medical emergency
- Dexter Ln – General offense
- Point Rd – Fire alarm
- Briggs Terr – B & E/in progress
- Spring St – Found property
- Hermitage Rd – Health/welfare
- Wianno Rd – Officer wanted
- Front St – Medical emergency
- Homes St – MV complaint, protective custody
- Bayberry Ln – Health/welfare
- Wareham Rd – General service
- Wareham Rd – Civil complaint
- Inland Rd – DMV
- Point Rd – paper service
- County Rd – Medical emergency

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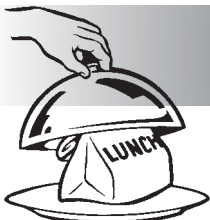
Log highlights Mar 15-22

- County Rd – Animal control
- Brandt Island Rd – Domestic disturbance
- Brandt Island Rd – 209A order issued/extended
- Church St – Health/welfare
- Mattapoisett Neck Rd – MV violations
- Prospect Rd – Alarm, burglar
- Crook's Way – General service
- Marion Rd – Suspicious persons
- Marion Rd – Arrest/warrant
- Marion Rd – 911 Call
- Barstow St – Medical-mental health
- Randall Ln – Vandalism
- North St – Disable MV
- Marion Rd – Vandalism
- County Rd – 209A issued
- Crestfield St – Trespassing
- Church St – Animal control
- West Hill Rd – Summons service
- North St – Ambulance request
- Crystal Spring Rd – Fire, other
- Main St – Vandalism to MV
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- Hemlock Rd – Suspicious motor vehicle
- Old Mattapoisett Neck Rd – Vandalism
- Aucoot Rd – Assist other agency
- County Rd – Ambulance request
- Old Tree Farm Rd – Notification
- Tinkham Hill Rd – Fire, other
- County Rd – Shoplifting
- North St – Alarm, burglar

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Mar 15-23

- Walnut Plain Rd – Ambulance request
- Kings Hwy – Vandalism
- Higginson Lane – Animal control
- Dexter Ln – Assist citizen
- Braley Hill Rd – Paper service
- Cranberry Hwy – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- County Rd – Disabled MV
- Haskell Ridge Rd – Ambulance request
- Neck Rd – Suspicious MV
- Walnut Plain Rd – Health/welfare check
- Mendell Rd – Animal control
- Neck Rd – Complaint
- Taber Ln – Fire, brush
- Pine St – Property found/lost/recovered
- Walnut Plain Rd – Radar assignment
- Bates Rd – Officer wanted
- Vaughn Hill Rd – General services
- North Ave – Parking violation
- Clapp Rd – Erratic operation
- New Bedford Rd – Motor vehicle stop
- Taber Ln – Suspicious activity
- Neck Rd – Alarm, burglar
- Thistle Ln – Domestic disturbance
- Hartley Rd – Shoplifting
- Braley Hill Rd – Ambulance request
- Marion Rd – Assist citizen
- New Bedford Rd – Vandalism
- Dexter Ln – Officer wanted
- Mary's Pond Rd – Trespass
- High St – Motor vehicle stop



LOCAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday March 30: *High Sodium* Turkey ham w/ fruit sauce, scalloped potatoes, California blend veg, multi-grain roll, vanilla pudding, Diet: Sugar free pudding
 Tuesday March 31: Chicken Vegetable Soup, citrus chicken, whipped potatoes, dinner roll, apple turnover, Diet: cookies
 Wednesday April 1: Salisbury steak w/ brown gravy, fluffy rice, broccoli & cauliflower, whole wheat bread, pears
 Thursday April 2: Roasted turkey, cranberry sauce, lyonnaise potatoes, corn Monterey, whole wheat bread, mandarin oranges
 Friday April 3: Veggie lasagna, peas, dinner roll, fresh apple

MATTAPOISETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS CENTER SCHOOL

Monday March 30: Hot dog on a roll, chips, fruit, choice of milk
 Tuesday March 31: Soup, grilled cheese, fruit, choice of milk
 Wednesday April 1: Spaghetti w/wo meat sauce, vegetable, bread stick, fruit, choice of milk
 Thursday April 2: Taco with all the fixings, rice, fruit, choice of milk
 Friday April 3: Pizza, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday March 30: Hot dog on a roll, chips, fruit, choice of milk
 Tuesday March 31: Nachos with all the fixings, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
 Wednesday April 1: Spaghetti w/wo meat sauce, vegetable, bread stick, fruit, choice of milk
 Thursday April 2: Taco with all the fixings, rice, fruit, choice of milk
 Friday April 3: Pizza, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk

OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE HIGH SCHOOL

Monday March 30: Assorted sandwiches, pasta salad, green beans, applesauce
 Tuesday March 31: Fried chicken, potato wedges, corn, peaches
 Wednesday April 1: Waffles, sausage or bacon, strawberries hash browns
 Thursday April 2: Turkey & gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, carrots, pears
 Friday April 3: Pizza, salad, chips, mixed fruit

OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE HIGH SCHOOL

Monday March 30: Teriyaki chicken wrap, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
 Tuesday March 31: Hamburger w/wo cheese, potato wedges, fruit, choice of milk
 Wednesday April 1: French toast sticks, sausage, oven roasted potatoes, cinnamon apples, choice of milk
 Thursday April 2: Macaroni & Cheese, vegetable, roll, fruit, choice of milk
 Friday April 3: Chicken patty on a roll, wedges, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL SCHOOL

Monday March 30: Hot dog on a roll, chips, fruit, choice of milk
 Tuesday March 31: Fish sticks, French fries, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
 Wednesday April 1: Lasagna, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
 Thursday April 2: Chicken Teriyaki, rice, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
 Friday April 3: Pizza, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk

SIPPICAN SCHOOL, MARION

Monday March 30: Hot dog on a roll, chips, fruit, choice of milk
 Tuesday March 31: Nachos with all the fixings, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
 Wednesday April 1: Spaghetti w/wo sauce, vegetable, bread, fruit, choice of milk
 Thursday April 2: Taco with all the fixings, rice, fruit, choice of milk
 Friday April 3: Pizza, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk



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Marion Seniors Meeting

Sippican Seniors will be meeting for their April 2009 Meeting on Friday, April 10 at 1:30 pm. The event will take place at the VFW Hall on Route 6 in Marion. The Hall is handicap accessible. "The Showstoppers" are the monthly entertainment! Friends are welcome and refreshments will be served.

Mattapoisett Heritage Days Celebration

Save the dates! Mark your calendars! A celebration of our community will be hosted on August 7 - 9. Featuring family oriented activities and events. Something for everyone! The fund-raiser for the event will be

held on May 22, 2009 at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Rte. 6 in Mattapoisett. Watch media for further details.

Concert Featuring Christopher Brown

The Church of the Good Shepherd will present The First Concert of the 2009 Concert Series: Christopher Brown, Pianist, on Sunday, March 29 at 3:00 pm at 74 High St., Wareham. The program will include Beethoven's "Appassionata Sonata," Chopin's "Nocturnes" and Rachmaninov's "Preludes and Etudes-Tableaux." Light refreshments will be served following the concert in the Parish Hall. Admission is \$8 for adults and students are free.

Marion Rabies Clinic

For Marion residents and non-residents alike, the town will be offering a Rabies Clinic on Saturday, April 11 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at Fire Station #2 on 871 Point Road. The fee will be \$10 per animal and the proceeds will go to St. Jude's Children's Fund.

All animals must be properly restrained. All dogs must be kept on leashes and all cats must be kept in cat carriers. If available, please bring your current rabies certificate.

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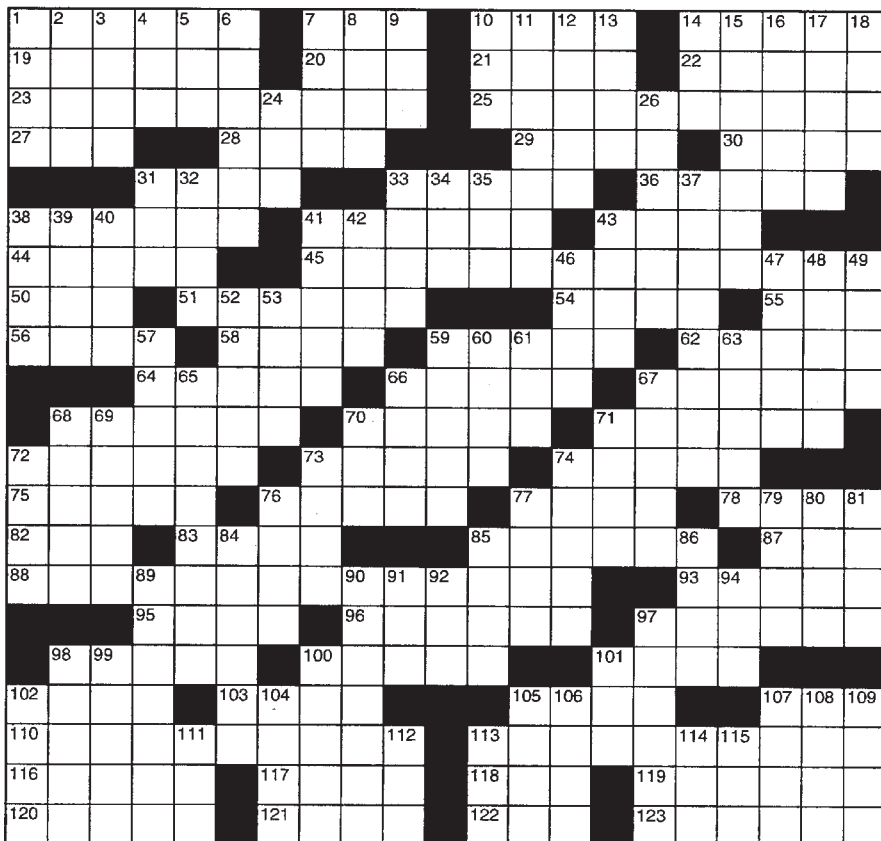
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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You'll want to discourage well-meaning but potentially ill-advised interference in what you intend to accomplish. Your work has a better chance to succeed if it reflects you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The Bovine's well-deserved reputation for loyalty could be tested if you learn that it might be misplaced. But don't rely on rumors. Check the stories out before you decided to act.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You've been going on adrenaline for a long time, and this unexpected lull in a recent spate of excitement could be just what you need to restore your energy levels. Enjoy it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Friends can be counted on to help you deal with a perplexing personal situation. But remember to keep your circle of advisers limited only to those you're sure you can trust.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Security-loving Lions do not appreciate uncertainty in any form. But sometimes changing situations can reveal hidden stresses in time to repair a relationship before it's too late.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) This is a good time for single Virgos to make a love connection. Be careful not to be too judgmental about your new "prospect" -- at least until you know more about her or him.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your sense of justice helps you resolve a problem that might have been unfairly attributed to the wrong person. Spend the weekend doing some long-neglected chores.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might feel justified in your anger toward someone you suspect betrayed your trust. But it could help if you take the time to check if your suspicions have substance.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Ignore distractions if you hope to accomplish your goal by the deadline you agreed to. Keep the finish line in sight, and you should be able to cross it with time to spare.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your creative self continues to dominate through much of the week. Also, despite a few problems that have cropped up, that recent romantic connection seems to be thriving.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) As curious as you might be, it's best to avoid trying to learn a colleague's secret. That sort of knowledge could drag you into a difficult workplace situation at some point down the line.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Instead of spending too much time floundering around wondering if you can meet your deadline, you need to spend more time actually working toward reaching it.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a natural gift for attracting new friends, who are drawn to your unabashed love of what life should be all about.

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Nasketucket Bird Club

Ruth Edwards will speak on "Creating Habitats for Bluebirds" on Thursday, March 26 at 7:00 pm for the Nasketucket Bird Club Meeting. Her topic, accompanied with slides taken by this well known birder and photographer, will tell us where the best places are to locate the nests and how to best maintain them.

The meeting will be held at the Mattapoissett Public Library, located at 7 Barstow St. Please use the south door entrance. The public is welcomed to this free meeting. Ruth Edwards' love of nature is evident in her sensitive portrayal of wildlife. As an artist, both in painting and photography, she shows the natural world she loves with a familiarity acquired through years of field observation, delighting in capturing the character of her subject.

She has received numerous awards in all media. This well-known nature photographer and lecturer throughout New England, has taught classes in art, photography and crafts. Her memberships include: Massachusetts Camera Naturalists, Paskamansett Bird Club, Audubon Societies, as well as the Westport River Watershed.

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<p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT PLANNING BOARD</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 6, 2009 at 7:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall regarding the site plan application of Todd Rodrigues, shown as 0 County Road on Mattapoisett Assessor's Plat 8. Complete are on file in the office of the Town Clerk and may be inspected by any interested party during the normal business hours of the Clerk's office.</p> <p>Mattapoisett Planning Board 03/19, 03/26</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION PLANNING BOARD</p> <p>The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 6, 2009 at 7:30 pm in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House to consider the application of Kathleen Sylvia, d/b/a It's Personal, Inc. for a Special Permit under Sections 7.5 and 4.2 of the zoning by-law to allow a personal services establishment/ medical services establishment (esthetic services medical spa) and a Special Permit under Sections 7 and 6.5 of the zoning by-law to allow a reduction in the number of required parking spaces for a medical office.</p> <p>The property is located at 156 Front Street and is further identified on Marion Assessor's Map as Plat 14, Lot 62A.</p> <p>Joseph Napoli, Chairman Peter Winters, Vice-Chairman 03/19, 03/26</p> <hr/>	<p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION PLANNING BOARD</p> <p>The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 6, 2009 at 7:45 pm in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House to consider the Site Plan Review application submitted by the Marion Police Department to allow the construction of a new police station.</p> <p>The property is located at 550 Mill St. and is further identified on Marion Assessor's Map as Plat 14, Lot 1.</p> <p>Joseph Napoli, Chairman Peter Winters, Vice-Chairman 03/19, 03/26</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF ROCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION</p> <p>A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room regarding a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Southeast Realty Development, 74 Snipatuit Road, Rochester, MA 02770. The applicant proposes grading within the 100-foot Buffer Zone for repair of a septic system.</p> <p>The subject property is located at 756 Snipatuit Road and is designated as Lot #1D & 2 on Assessors' Map #43. The property owner of record is Lawrence Wright. The applicant's representative is Southeast Realty Development, Douglas Church, Jr. This hearing is being held under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetland Protection By-Law.</p> <p>Rosemary T. Smith, Chairperson 03/26</p> <hr/>	<p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD</p> <p>The Rochester Planning Board will hold public hearings on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 7:45 pm in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way, to consider Zoning By-Law amendments proposed for the Annual Town Meeting. The proposals are:</p> <p>Article A Proposes two new definitions to Section III: Definitions.</p> <p>Article B Proposes changes to Section IV: Industrial District for lot dimension changes including smaller minimum lot size. It will allow commercial activity in the district and add perimeter boundary vegetative strips.</p> <p>Article C Proposes changes to Section V: Commercial District for lot dimension changes to expand side and back setbacks and add a Maximum Floor Area Ratio limitation. It adds perimeter boundary vegetative strips.</p> <p>Article D Proposes changes to Section VI: Limited Commercial District, for lot dimension changes decreasing minimum lot size and front setback and adding a Maximum Floor Area Ratio limitation. It adds perimeter boundary vegetative strips.</p> <p>Article E For Section VIII refines the wording of the lot width limitation in subsection B.1.</p> <p>The text of each proposal may be viewed at the Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, during regular business hours.</p> <p>Arnold Johnson, Chairman 03/26, 04/02</p> <hr/>

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Sunday Mar. 29, 2009

7:00 AM - Second Coming Church
8:00 AM - The New Testament
Church of Cedarville
9:00 AM - Music and the Spoken Word
9:30 AM - First Congregational Church of Rochester
11:00 AM - Physician's Focus
11:30 AM - White House Chronicles
12:00 PM - The Jeff Perry Report
1:00 PM - The Dr. Is In
2:00 PM - Music and the Spoken Word
2:30 PM - First Congregational Church of Rochester
4:00 PM - The New Testament
Church of Cedarville
6:00 PM - Rochester COA Monthly
8:00 PM - Tri-Town Business Association
12:00 AM - Midnight Movie

Monday Mar. 30, 2009

11:00 AM - Senior Stretch
11:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon - MIDDAY MOVIE
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM - Senior Stretch
5:30 PM - White House Chronicle
6:00 PM - Become Your Own Gym
7:30 PM - Healthwise Alternatives
8:00 PM - Army News Watch

8:30 PM - Physician's Focus
9:00 PM - The Dr. Is In
10:30 PM - Life Matters
Midnight - Midnight Movie

Tuesday Mar. 31, 2009

11:00 AM - Senior Stretch
11:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon - MIDDAY MOVIE
1:30 PM - The Wanderer Presents
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM - Senior Stretch
5:00 PM - Rochester COA
Monthly
6:00 PM - Online Against Crime
7:00 PM - HomeFront
7:30 PM - Sharing Miracles
9:00 PM - Neighbor to Neighbor with Don Cuddy
Midnight - Midnight Movie

Wednesday Apr. 1, 2009

11:00 AM - Senior Stretch
11:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon - MIDDAY MOVIE
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM - Senior Stretch
5:30 PM - Ampersand
6:00 PM - Become Your Own Gym
7:00 PM - White House Chronicle
7:30 PM - The Jeff Perry Report
8:00 PM - Army News Watch
9:00 PM - Ampersand
10:00 PM - Fox Robbins Business Show
10:30 PM - Life Matters
Midnight - Midnight Movie

Thursday Apr. 2, 2008

11:00 AM - Senior Stretch
11:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon - MIDDAY MOVIE
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM - Senior Stretch
6:00 PM - Matt Antunes and Friends Feat. Marc Monterio
7:00 PM - All Access Cape Cod
7:30 PM - Get Connected With Conn Jackson
8:00 PM - Cooking With Marie
8:30 PM - The Rock Star Stories
9:00 PM - Penny Dreadful's Schilling Shockers
Midnight - Penny Dreadful's Schilling Shockers

Friday Apr. 3, 2008

11:00 AM - Senior Stretch
11:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon - MIDDAY MOVIE
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM - Senior Stretch
6:00 PM - Become Your Own Gym
7:00 PM - Fox Robbins Business Show
7:30 PM - Healthwise Alternatives
8:00 PM - Homefront
9:30 PM - Around BCC
11:00 PM - Ampersand
Midnight - Midnight Movie
Double Feature

Saturday Apr. 4, 2008

8:00 AM - Classic Cartoon Festival
Noon - Neighbor to Neighbor with

Don Cuddy
1:00 PM - U-Mass Dartmouth Sports
6:00 PM - Matt Antunes and Friends Feat. Marc Monterio
8:00 PM - Cooking With Marie
8:30 PM - The Rock Star Stories
9:00 PM - Penny Dreadful's Schilling Shockers
11:30 PM - Get Connected With Conn Jackson
Midnight - Penny Dreadful's Schilling Shockers

MARION GOVERNMENT

Comcast Channel 95

Verizon Channel 39

Daily Schedule

11:00 AM - Latest Planning Board Meeting
2:00 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
6:00 PM - CPC Hearing from March 10, 2009
6:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
9:00 PM - Latest Planning Board Meeting

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

Comcast Channel 95

Verizon Channel 40

Daily Schedule

1:00 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
2:00 PM - Latest Planning Board Meeting
6:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting

8:30 PM - Latest Planning Board Meeting

EDUCATION CHANNEL

Comcast Channel 18

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Daily Schedule

8:30 AM - Peek-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM - ORRHs Financial Literacy Awards w/ Rep. Barney Frank
10:45 AM - Upper Cape Tech Adult Ed. Programs
11:00 AM - RMS Presents the Aristocats
Noon - Bulldog TV
1:30 PM - ORR FORM Instrumental Concert 2009
2:30 PM - ORRHs - The Literal Metaphor Project
3:30 PM - Old Hammondton School 2009 Talent Show
5:00 PM - ORRHs - TV Production Studio- Demo
5:45 PM - RMS Presents the Aristocats
6:30 PM - ORRHs - Paraphrasing the Pledge of Allegiance
7:30 PM - ORRHs Financial Literacy Awards w/ Rep. Barney Frank
8:30 PM - Ballet Exercises
9:00 PM - Creative Community Network
9:30 PM - ORR FORM Instrumental Concert 2009

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Chocolate Festival

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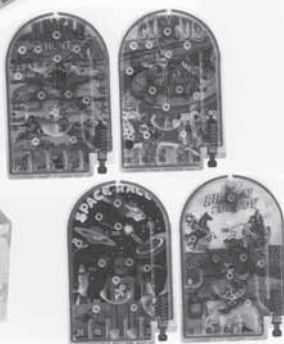
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Health & Sports in Fairhaven. The event will feature participants cycling on stationary bikes for four hours to raise funds to support the local food pantry.

The volunteer cyclists are from Fairhaven, New Bedford, Dartmouth, Mattapoisett, Marion and Taunton. They will join Carol Ann Days-Merrill to ride from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm and are accepting donations and pledges to support their ride. Each rider has been given a pledge sheet and is seeking donations for the event. Mike Esposito of Mattapoisett said "every dollar counts toward helping to feed those in need. Kids have given \$1 and other contributions have ranged from \$5 to \$100."

Shepherd's Pantry, which was formed in 2000 as a joint effort of volunteers from five Fairhaven churches, now serves an average of 100 people per week from the South Coast area. More than 100 volunteers work four days a week to process donations of food, stock shelves, and distribute food to the clients. The pantry is open on Saturday from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Long Plain United Methodist Church, 1215 N. Main St., Acushnet, and no one is turned away. You can learn more by visiting their website at shepherdspace.org

Mrs. Days-Merrill said the volunteers were enthused at the opportunity to help those less-fortunate in the community while engaging in their exercise routine. "It makes you more appreciative of what you have and encourages giving back to those who struggle" said Jannine Mitchell of Fairhaven, one of the spinners.

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Margie Souza	March 28
Christian Nadeau	March 29
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by Linda Thistle

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Mother Earth and Father Ocean Awards

The Greater New Bedford Earth Day Committee is looking for this year's Mother Earth and Father Ocean. Do you know someone who has demonstrated exceptional stewardship towards our natural environment worthy of recognition? Do you know someone who in their daily life honors and respects the earth in a way you find admirable? If the answer is yes, nominate that person to be crowned this year's Mother Earth or Father Ocean.

Mother Earth and Father Ocean 2009 will be crowned at the Earth Eve celebration Thursday, April 9 as part of AHA (Arts, History and Agriculture) night and asked to lead the procession of eco-floats through the historic downtown of New Bedford.

Dedicated to being earth-friendly, marchers will move their eco-float creations along the procession route using a variety of power modes but are forbidden to use fossil fuels and they must remember the three R's of recycling – reduce, reuse and recycle.

The New Bedford High school band will lead off the event from Custom House Square in downtown New Bedford at 5:30 pm. To participate in the procession, you must download a registration form at seal.org or call Deirdre Healy at (508) 999-8641 for more information.

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Cost: No charge for green fees. If carts are available, the cost will be \$25.00 plus tax per player. Pull carts will be available at the costs of \$7.50 plus tax. Standard caddy rates apply.

The driving range will not be open.

You can sign up for a tee time by calling the golf shop at (508) 748-0192. Name and phone number will have to be provided for each player. Proof of eligibility will be required at time of check in. Deadline for sign up is April 12, 2008.

The Kittansett Club dress code will be strictly enforced. Please check the Kittansett website for specific information and policy. www.kittansett.org

The Kittansett Club asks all players to have a basic knowledge and ability to play the game.

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Members of the group known as the Peace Pals, who are part of an International Club that offers enrichment programs to teacher peacemaking skills and tolerance. The youngsters and first and second graders had been recycling throughout our school year and have taught their parents and families as well the need for such behaviors.

Previous awardees have included Lynn Coish, founder of Operation Clean Sweep, former Mayor of New Bedford and Director of the First Federal Office of Sustainability, John Bullard, and Louise and Paul Anthony from Mattapoisett for their work with the Appalachian Mountain Club and teaching on the schooner Ernestina, Mary Barros, longtime community activist from New Bedford, Bob Rocha, Environmental Educator from Acushnet, Emily Johns, retired teacher and community gardener from New Bedford and Jim Simmons of New Bedford, former Director of Hands Across the River who passed away in 2006.

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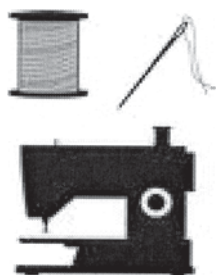
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Mattapoissett Women's Club Scholarship

Mattapoissett Woman's Club is again happy to be offering two \$1,000 scholarship awards to eligible high school seniors and one \$500 scholarship award for a returning student, who is re- entering the academic world after graduating prior to 2009, in the pursuit of a post secondary degree program.

You can apply by obtaining the scholarship applications with the Guidance offices of your high school or preparatory school. Both applications will be available. You must be a Mattapoissett resident or a member of the Mattapoissett Woman's Club.

Deadline for returning the application to your Guidance Counselor is Thursday, April 30, 2009.

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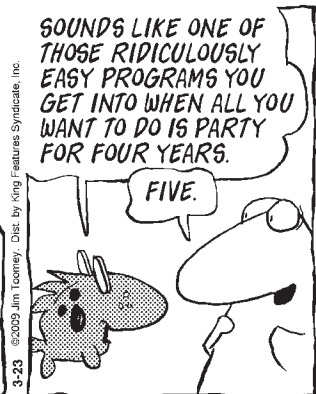
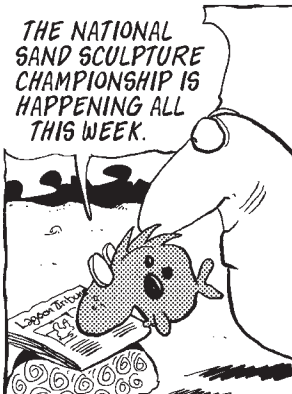
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your schools awards night prior to graduation. The actual money from the scholarship will be granted after your first successfully completed semester in college. Deadline for returning completed applications Thursday, April 30. If you have any further questions, you may contact the Mattapoisett Woman's Club at P.O. Box 1444, Mattapoisett.

Mattapoisett Town Clerk

Dog licenses are available. The dog's rabies vaccination must be up to date and a certificate on file to obtain a license. The fee is \$10 for male/female and \$7 for spayed/neutered. If the dog owner is age 70 or over, the license is free of charge, but rabies information must be on file. Please call the office if you have any questions.

Wharf, skiff, mooring and boat bills have been mailed. Please fill out the enclosed form updating your record and return with your payment. To avoid any late fees, bills must be paid within 60 days. Also, wharf, skiff and mooring wait list bills were mailed on Monday, March 2, 2009 and are due and payable by Monday, May 4. To avoid any late fees please be sure your payment is received before the deadline.

Town nomination papers are available for the following Town Offices: Selectman, Assessor, Mattapoisett School Committee, Library Trustee, Moderator, Water/Sewer Commissioner, Highway Surveyor, Board of Health, Planning Board, Mattapoisett Housing Authority, and Community Preservation Committee. The last day to obtain papers is Friday, March 27, 2009 and they must be returned by Monday, March 30. The Town Election is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19.

Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for May 11-13, 2009 at Old Rochester Regional High School; the Town Election is Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at Old Hammondtown School. The last day to register for both of events is Tuesday, April 21, 2009. The office will be open until 8:00 pm

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The photo of the Flag Ceremony at the closing of the Sesquicentennial celebration is still available in the Town Clerk's office. The photo is in color and the price is \$10, and it is a lovely souvenir of a most wonderful celebration of the town's history.

Old Colony's Vocational Education Week

Massachusetts Vocational Education Week will be held this year during the weeks of April 13 - 17. On Thursday, April 6, the Outstanding Vocational Student Award Banquet will be held at Mechanics Hall in Wrochester, MA. Various in-school activities at Old Colony Vocational are planned for this week.

Dollar-a-Bag Book Sale

The Oxford Book Haven & Café, located in the basement of the Church of the Good Shepherd, 357 Main St., No. Fairhaven will hold a Dollar a Bag Book Sale on Thursday, March 26 and Saturday, March 28, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. For more information, call Andrea at (508) 858-9962.

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Local Tides

Date	Day	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
March 26:	Thurs.	8:30	8:43	2:06	2:07
March 27:	Fri.	9:10	9:24	2:45	2:42
March 28:	Sat.	9:53	10:07	3:24	3:18
March 29:	Sun.	10:39	10:55	4:04	3:57
March 30:	Mon.	11:29	11:47	4:46	4:38
March 31:	Tues.	...	12:22	5:33	5:25
April 1:	Wed.	12:43	1:20	6:30	6:21
April 2:	Thurs.	1:44	2:22	8:06	7:33
April 3:	Fri.	2:50	3:27	9:57	9:10
April 4:	Sat.	3:58	4:33	10:55	10:41
April 5:	Sun.	5:06	5:36	11:39	11:45
April 6:	Mon.	6:06	6:31	...	12:16
April 7:	Tues.	6:59	7:20	12:36	12:50
April 8:	Wed.	7:46	8:06	1:22	1:22
April 9:	Thurs.	8:31	8:50	2:03	1:55
April 10:	Fri.	9:13	9:32	2:41	2:30
April 11:	Sat.	9:55	10:14	3:18	3:06
April 12:	Sun.	10:37	10:56	3:54	3:43

Phases of the Moon

New Moon
First Quarter
Full Moon
Last Quarter

March 26th
April 2nd
April 9th
April 17th



I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer online and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

Each time you find the Aardvark you will also be entered in our monthly drawing for other cool Aardvark Prizes.

If you would like to enter the monthly drawing by mail, send your name, address and phone number along with the issue date and page number you found him in to: Wanderer - I Found the Aardvark, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoissett, MA 02739. Entries by mail will not be eligible for Aardvark Points.

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on "I Found the Aardvark"

In the March 19 issue
the Aardvark was on page 53!

off the mark

by Mark Parisi





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